



## Jane Louise Hammer

October 26, 1955 - October 6, 2021

Jane's Memorial Service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/637907501>

Jane Louise Hammer was born on October 26th, 1955, in Linton, ND, youngest daughter to John (Jack) and Louise Speyers. She attended elementary and high school in Napoleon, ND, graduating in 1974.

She married Myron Hammer May 29th, 1976, in Streeter, ND.

She was continuously involved with education either by being a student or a teacher. She achieved a Bachelor of Science degree from both North Dakota State University and Valley City State University. She later obtained a Master's degree from the University of Mary.

Jane was the first woman agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor in the state of ND. She taught high school Vocational Agriculture in LaMoure from 1977-1979. She then taught Vocational Agriculture in Tioga from 1979-1983.

Myron and Jane moved to rural Kathryn, ND, in 1983 after Myron took over the family farm. She taught Adult Farm Management at the Vo-Tech Center in Valley City, and Vocational Agriculture at North Central High School until she was hired at Valley City State University in 1996 as an adjunct teacher. After receiving her Master's Degree, she was a fulltime assistant professor at

VCSU for the Department of Computer Systems and Software Engineering from 1998 until her retirement in 2019.

Jane enjoyed volunteering in her surrounding communities. She wrote a grant for Fort Ransom Elementary School to modernize a computer lab. She helped with Fort Ransom's SVACA. She served at Sodbuster's hosted by the Fort Ransom State Park. She volunteered to teach Odyssey of the Mind for Fort Ransom School and was a 4-H leader in Ransom County. She also taught youth horsemanship classes at the Fort Ransom Arena.

Jane's true passion was horses. She was involved with horses starting from the time she was a young child. In recent years, Jane actively started participating in American Quarter Horse Association sponsored equestrian shows. She made many friends and cherished all memories from her time spent preparing for and attending these events.

Myron and Jane were foster parents and helped raise numerous children. They became especially close to one child who lived with them several years, Allie (Mike) Thoreson, Kathryn. In 1986, they welcomed the birth of their daughter, Jessinta (Lee) Widdel, Minot.

Even though Jane was small, the impact she left on this world and the people in it was huge. She was giving, feisty, stubborn, and so very much loved. Her focus was to educate and help others any way she could. When her daughters were growing, she baked fresh bread every Saturday morning while watching Saturday morning cartoons. Everyone would comment, "Jane has the best buns!" - treats which she would readily give away to friends, family, farriers, neighbors, and visitors. She made the most delicious chicken salad sandwiches as snacks for Jessinta's 4-H club and Girl Scout troop meetings. In later years, Jane was known for her garden and preserving what she grew. Cupboards and freezers are filled with her 2021 produce. Jane would often

say, "One day at a time", Matthew 6:34, when comforting those who were hurt or stressed. The hole left in the hearts of those who know and love her is large, so per her advice, "One Day at a Time."

Including her daughters, she is survived by her husband, Myron; four grandchildren: Orin, Bia, Etta, and Jents; sisters Jennie (Charles) Rousu, Fargo, Marie (Bill) Hallock, Jamestown, Carol Altman, Wichita, KS; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers William Hazer, Antone Speyers and John Loehrer, sisters Deloris Meade and Norma Thomas.

Jane died October 6th, 2021 at the age of 65 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo. The outdoor memorial service will be held 2:00 pm on Monday, October 11, at the Preston Lutheran Church, rural Fort Ransom. Inurnment will be in Preston Cemetery. Memorial arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathen Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND.

Those attending are asked to bring their own chairs and umbrellas if needed. (If rain happens to occur over the weekend it may be a bit muddy.) Inurnment will follow at the Preston Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **11**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Preston Lutheran Church  
Fort Ransom, ND

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Jane was a beautiful person with a very big heart. I loved her. She was an encourager and great mentor. I'm sorry we lost her. RIP Jane.

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**Joseph Munowenyu** - March 29, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JS

“ Myron and family, So sorry to read of Jane's passing. My Mom, Evelyn Sandberg, was a dear friend of your parents. You came to our farm south east of Oakes one time. We saw you at your parents home one time, also. My sincere sympathy goes out to you. May God Bless you and your family.

*Joann Sandberg*

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**Joann Sandberg** - November 10, 2021 at 12:40 PM

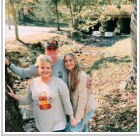
CW

“ My Prayers and thoughts go out to Jane's family during this time. I knew Jane through the Miss Rodeo America Pageant and always enjoyed her. She was kind and well respected and always took time to visit. She will be missed.

*Cindy Wilk  
South Dakota*

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**Cindy Wilk** - October 12, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ Prayers and comfort sent to Jane’s family. She was a wonderful women and we will miss her at the Miss Rodeo America pageants. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Love, Laura Kessler  
Miss Rodeo FL Assoc.  
National Director

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**Laura Kessler** - October 12, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ Aloha from the Miss Rodeo Hawai’i program

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**Lu Ann Faborito** - October 11, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ Jane, you were always a good person to go with all my questions and concerns regarding our equines. Thank you for being such a good listener and for all your help. I always enjoyed our visits when you were on campus at VCSU and also when I would check in with you about horse feed! You will be missed. Ride high my friend.

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**Paula Larson** - October 11, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.



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October 11, 2021 at 08:34 AM

BO

“ *Bob & Debra (Rousu) LaRiccia, Spencer OH purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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**Bob & Debra (Rousu) LaRiccia, Spencer OH** - October 10, 2021 at 06:04 PM

KS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. Jane was the teacher for a couple of computer classes that I took through VCSU. She was kind and caring never left you behind when everyone else was ahead in the class. May God Comfort You.*

*With Love  
Karen Stroh*

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**Karen Stroh** - October 10, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 10, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DJ

“ We were so sorry to hear about Jane’s passing. Jane and I were educational colleagues (Diet Coke in hand!) at both North Central and VCSU. Jane’s dry sense of humor could always make me laugh!

*The world has lost a kind and caring person and we are thinking about & praying for you at this time Myron, Jessinta and all.  
Ed & Donna James*

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**Donna James** - October 10, 2021 at 10:27 AM

DH

“ Myron and Family,  
I have many memories of Jane from being a teacher to working so tirelessly at the North Star Classic junior shows with me. We always took time out no matter where we were to visit. Her dedication and spirit were great! She will be missed by all who knew her. Prayers to you and she will be watching over you with her awesome smile.

*Deb Haberman Hatlewick*

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**Deb Hatlewick** - October 10, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.



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October 10, 2021 at 12:40 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 09, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 09, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 09, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Myron and family, very sorry for your loss, condolences to you all. May your memories that you share help with your loss.*

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**Susan (Sly) Rau** - October 09, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 09, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 09, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dear Myron and family, I knew Jane from her time as Vo Ag teacher in Tioga. Remember going on a trail ride with her and spending time out at Moes where she kept her horse. Monica let me know of Jane's passing and even though we lost touch these years past, I was saddened to learn of her passing. Treasure the special memories ....take comfort that many family and friends are holding you close in prayer during your time of grief...blessed be her memory to all who knew her and loved her. Sincere sympathy and prayers; Carole Rohde*

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**Carole(Iwen)Rohde** - October 09, 2021 at 12:22 AM



*Very excellent teacher, she was my vo-ag instructor my last two years at Tioga High. Her inspiration on my life made me decide to pursue being an agriculture Ed degree. Condolences to the family.  
Tom Haustveit*

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**Thomas Haustveit** - October 09, 2021 at 12:12 PM

JB

*Myron, Jessie and family, our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry to hear about Janes passing and the circumstances that lead up to it. She touched the lives of so many individuals and through them part of her still lives on. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Kevin and Janice Bishop*

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**Janice bishop** - October 09, 2021 at 10:19 PM

CF

“ *Jane will be missed my all for NDQHA, we all enjoy her passion and love for horses. As well as her smile and kind words.*

*Thoughts and prays for her family.*

*Chad*

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**Chad Flach** - October 08, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 08, 2021 at 10:38 PM

SS

“ *Myron and family, we are so sorry for your loss!*



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**Scott and Connie Sorby** - October 08, 2021 at 09:02 PM

DM

“ *Myron, Jessie, and families,*

*I was saddened to learn of Jane's passing. Jane and I had some wonderful conversations through the years not to mention many laughs. Jane's smile warmed up many people around her. Jane was truly an expert in her discipline at VCSU helping many students navigate technology.*

*Jane always brought her famous "buns" to our Business Division potluck and I was fortunate enough to bring some home from time to time. They were wonderful.*

*Beve and I are sorry for your loss.*

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**David Melgaard** - October 08, 2021 at 06:11 PM

WW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Myron, girls, and your family.... May God's perfect peace surround you all! 🙏*

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**Wes Well** - October 08, 2021 at 06:01 PM

CH

“ *Such a kind and wonderful woman gone too soon.*

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**Cindy Hanson** - October 08, 2021 at 04:07 PM

TM

“ *Thoughts and prayers out to Myron, Jessie and the families.*

*Terry Meester & Family*

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**Terry Meester** - October 08, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jane's family. So sorry for your loss.

*Rick and Deb Gillund*

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**Deb Gillund** - October 08, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.



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October 08, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.



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October 08, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.



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October 08, 2021 at 07:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Louise Hammer.*



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October 07, 2021 at 09:11 PM